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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent	Application of)				
Yoshinori Sl	UGAHARA) Group Art Unit: 2624				
Application	No.: 09/178,887) Examiner: D. Tran				
Filed: Octo	ober 27, 1998) Confirmation No.: 5088				
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Sir:						
App [] \$385.0	olicant(s) requests continued examina 0 (2801) [X] \$770.00 (1801) fee due	tion under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).				
1. [] A.	Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below.					
[] B.	[] B. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested: [] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _					
[] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _						
	Other:	·				
2 The	following documents are enclosed w	with this submission.				

2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:

[X] / Amendment/Reply.

[] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

[] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

Petition for Extension of Time.

Other:

[] Small entity status is hereby claimed.

[] No additional claim fee is required.

[X] The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid for in this application prior to this submission:

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CLAIMS							
	No. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS THUS PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE		
Basic Fee							
Total Claims	41	MINUS 28 =	13	× \$18.00 (1202) =	\$234.00		
Independent Claims	8	MINUS 8 =	0	× \$86.00 (1201) =			
If multiple dependent	claims are p	resented, add \$290.	00 (1203)				
Total Fee							
If small entity status i	s claimed, su	ibtract 50% of Total	l Fee				
TOTAL FEE DUE							

- 4. [] A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
- 5. [X] Charge \$ 1,004.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- 6. [] Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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